

HOUSE BILL 1248

By Matlock

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 36, Chapter 3; Title 36, Chapter 6; Title 39, Chapter 13 and Title 67, Chapter 4, Part 6, relative to court appointed special advocates.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 67-4-601, is amended by adding the following language as a new subsection:

(e) Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, any county having a population of not less than thirty nine thousand fifty (39,050) nor more than thirty nine thousand one hundred fifty (39,150), according to the 2000 federal census or any subsequent federal census, may, by a two-thirds vote of its legislative body, levy an additional litigation tax of five dollars (\$5.00) in all civil and criminal cases instituted in the county. Such tax is in addition to all other such privilege taxes authorized by law. Any revenue collected pursuant to this subsection (e) shall be deposited in the county general fund for the sole purpose of providing grants for services to children provided by the Tennessee Court Appointed Special Advocates Association (CASA).

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2011, the public welfare requiring it, and applies to all such civil or criminal cases instituted on or after such date.